

New U.S. Embassy

Nine Elms, London



The final four architectural firms in the design competition for the new United States Embassy in London will unveil their proposals for the design jury in early 2010. These four firms are among the best architects the United States can offer. Their work ranges from homes to landmark cultural sites. Two of them have received the Pritzker Prize, architecture's highest honor. All are noted for their creative response to the demands of modern architecture. Here is a brief look at these firms and some of their famous work.

Kieran Timberlake

Founded in 1984, Kieran Timberlake is committed to design research as the central driver for innovation and environmental responsibility. This has led to highly acclaimed projects including the Sidwell Friends Middle School (LEED Platinum) in Washington, DC; the Yale University Sculpture Building and School of Art Gallery (LEED Platinum) in New Haven, CT; and the Melvin J. and Claire Levine Hall at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. Kieran Timberlake has won many awards, including the prestigious Architecture Firm Award in 2008.



Featured work: Noyes Community Recreation Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Morphosis Architects

Founded by Thom Mayne, who in 2005 received the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize, Morphosis has received 25 Progressive Architecture awards, and over 90 American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards. The firm seeks to engage contemporary society and culture through architectural design and education. Morphosis project models are in the permanent collections of institutions such as The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, NY; the MAK, Vienna, Austria; and the FRAC Centre, Orléans, France.



Featured work : 41 Cooper Square, New York City, New York

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PEI Cobb Freed & Partners

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners has completed over 200 building projects in more than 100 cities across North America and around the world. In 1983, Pei won the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize. Since its formation in 1955, the firm's clients have included major corporations, private developers and public authorities, as well as educational, cultural and religious institutions. Among the firm's best known works are the John F. Kennedy Library, the John Hancock Tower, and the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse and Harborpark in Boston, MA; the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center and Fountain Place in Dallas, TX; the Bank of China Tower in Hong Kong; the First Interstate Tower in Los Angeles, CA; the First Bank Place in Minneapolis, MN; the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York, NY; and the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, PA.



Featured work: Harborpark, Boston, Massachusetts

Richard Meier & Partners

The award-winning architecture of Richard Meier & Partners is well known and respected around the world. Many of their projects have become local and international landmarks and frequently visited attractions in their respective cities. The firm's projects include museums, cultural facilities, government office buildings, courthouses, libraries, educational buildings, audio-visual production facilities, hotels, industrial research complexes, corporate headquarters and private residences. Recognized with the highest honors in the profession, the firm's accolades include twenty-nine National Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA); fifty-six AIA regional chapter awards; and the 2008 AIA 25 Year Award.



Featured work: United States Courthouse, San Diego, California

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